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# CHURCHILL DOWNS RELEASES FIRST CONDITION BOOK, STAKES SCHEDULE FOR SHORTENED 2020 SPRING MEET THAT BEGINS ON SATURDAY, MAY 16

### \$559,000 Daily Average for Purses in Book 1; 16 Stakes Total \$2,250,000

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Monday, May 4, 2020)** – Churchill Downs Racetrack released its first condition book of races for the 2020 Spring Meet late Sunday, and horsemen will be able to compete for an average of \$559,000 each day.

Opening day of the 2020 Spring Meet will be Saturday, May 16. After opening weekend (May 16-17), racing at the historic Louisville racetrack will be staged Thursdays through Sundays with a special holiday Monday card on Memorial Day, May 25. Post time for the first race each day will be 1 p.m. (all times Eastern). Closing day of the shortened 26-day Spring Meet is Saturday, June 27. All racing for Spring Meet will be conducted spectator-free until government officials issue approval of fans otherwise at Churchill Downs.

A total of 125 races cumulatively worth \$7,265,000 are offered in the first condition book, which covers May 16-June 5. Maiden special weight races offer a purse of \$79,000 and allowance races range between \$81,000 and \$88,000. All purses include prize money from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund.

The stakes schedule throughout the meet features 16 stakes totaling \$2,250,000:

- Saturday, May 23: Grade III, \$150,000 Matt Winn (3-year-olds at 1 1/16 miles); \$100,000 Blame (4-year-olds and up at one mile); \$100,000 Shawnee (fillies and mares at 1 1/16 miles); \$100,000 War Chant (3-year-olds at one mile on turf); and \$100,000 Tepin (3-year-old fillies at one mile on turf).
- Saturday, May 30: Grade III, \$100,000 Old Forester Mint Julep (fillies and mares at 1 1/16 miles on turf) and Grade III, \$100,000 Winning Colors (fillies and mares at six furlongs).
- Saturday, June 6: \$100,000 Aristides (Listed) (4-year-olds and up at six furlongs) and Grade III, \$100,000 Dogwood (3-year-old fillies at seven furlongs).
- Saturday, June 13: Grade III, \$100,000 Louisville (4-year-olds and up at 1 ½ miles on turf).
- Saturday, June 20: Grade II, \$200,000 Wise Dan (4-year-olds and up at 1 1/16 miles on turf) and \$100,000 Audubon (3-year-olds at 1 1/8 miles on turf).
- Saturday, June 27: Grade II, \$500,000 Stephen Foster (4-year-olds and up at 1 1/8 miles); Grade II, \$200,000 Fleur de Lis (fillies and mares at 1 1/8 miles); Grade III, \$100,000 Regret (3-year-old fillies at 1 1/8 miles on turf); and Grade III, \$100,000 Bashford Manor (2-year-olds at six furlongs).

The Matt Winn for 3-year-olds has been added to an extension of the "Road to the Kentucky Derby" and offer Top 4 points on a scale of 10-4-2-1 for the series of qualifying races to the rescheduled Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) on Saturday, Sept. 5. Additional races will be added to the series schedule in the coming weeks when more information from other racetracks becomes available.

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The Stephen Foster and Fleur de Lis are part of the Breeders' Cup "Win & You're In" Challenge Series, and the winners will receive automatic berths and a travel stipend to the Longines Classic and Longines Distaff, respectively, on Nov. 7 at Keeneland.

The second condition book for racing between June 6-27 is expected to be published by May 29.

On April 29, Churchill Downs received approval from state officials to reopen its stable areas at both Churchill Downs Racetrack and the auxiliary training center Trackside on Monday, May 11 under strict guidelines to effectively mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

The stable areas will reopen under a phased, systematic approach. The following is a listing of racetracks and when horses based there may return to Churchill Downs between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.:

- Fair Grounds in New Orleans, La. (May 11-13);
- Gulfstream Park in Hallandale, Fla., Tampa Bay Downs in Tampa, Fla. and horses based at Florida training centers (May 14-16);
- Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Ark. (May 17-19);
- All other locales (May 20)

Only authorized racetrack employees and KHRC license holders who are providing support for a horse stabled at the facility will be permitted on property. This specifically includes only trainers with horses stabled or racing on the facility grounds and those who are responsible for the care of the horses (veterinarians, grooms, exercise riders and farriers).

### 2020 CHURCHILL DOWNS SPRING MEET STAKES SCHEDULE

16 stakes races cumulatively worth \$2.25 million

Day/Date	Running	Grade	Purse	Race	Age/Sex	Distance	Surface
Stephen Foster Preview Day							
Five stakes races cumulatively worth \$550,000							
Saturday, May 23	23rd	III	\$150,000	Matt Winn	3yo	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 23	1st		\$100,000	Blame	4&up	1 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 23	1 <sup>st</sup>		\$100,000	Shawnee	4&up f/m	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 23	1 <sup>st</sup>		\$100,000	War Chant	3yo	1 M	Turf
Saturday, May 23	1st		\$100,000	Tepin	3yo f	1 M	Turf
Saturday, May 30	44 <sup>th</sup>	III	\$100,000	Old Forester Mint Julep	4&up f/m	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, May 30	17 <sup>th</sup>	III	\$100,000	Winning Colors	4&up f/m	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 6	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Listed	\$100,000	Aristides	4&up	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 6	45 <sup>th</sup>	III	\$100,000	Dogwood	3yo f	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 13	83 <sup>rd</sup>	III	\$100,000	Louisville	4&up	1 ½ M	Turf
Saturday, June 20	31st	II	\$200,000	Wise Dan	4&up	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, June 20	1 <sup>st</sup>		\$100,000	Audubon	3yo	1 1/8 M	Turf
Stephen Foster Day / Closing Day							
Four stakes races cumulatively worth \$900,000							
Saturday, June 27	39th	II	\$500,000	Stephen Foster	4&up	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 27	45 <sup>th</sup>	II	\$200,000	Fleur de Lis	4&up f/m	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 27	51st	III	\$100,000	Regret	3yo f	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, June 27	119 <sup>th</sup>	III	\$100,000	Bashford Manor	2yo	6 F	Dirt